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The Constitution of the United States

DIRECTIONS: To better understand how power is balanced in this country, you will skim through the first three articles of the US Constitution. A copy can be found in your textbook, The Americans (pg 84 – 93) or online at <http://usconstitution.net/xconst.html>

Look through the first three articles and answer the questions below.

Due **Friday, April 1**

**What branch does Article 1 define:**

1. What is the name of the main body in this branch and what two parts does it consist of? *(Article 1, Section 1)*

2. Who chooses the representatives in the House of Representatives? *(Article 1, Section 2)*

3. The number of representatives in the House of Representatives is based on what? *(Article 1, Section 2)*

4. How many senators do states have? *(Article 1, Section 3)*

5. Senators have the power to conduct what kind of trials? *(Article 1, Section 3)*

6. Senators can remove an impeached President from office as long as they have what fraction of agreement? *(Article 1, Section 3)*

7. If the President vetoes a bill created by the legislative branch, what can be done to override the veto? *(Article 1, Section 7)*

8. The legislative branch has the power to set and collect what from its citizens? *(Article 1, Section 8)*

9. Name five other powers granted to the legislative branch. *(Article 1, Section 8)*

10. Name two powers that are denied to the legislative branch. *(Article 1, Section 9)*

11. What are two powers the states cannot have? *(Article 1, Section 10)*

**What branch does Article 2 define:**

12. What position does this branch create and how long is this person allowed to hold this position? *(Article 2, Section 1)*

13. Who is able to determine if the President is unable to carry out the duties of their office (whether it be removal, death, disability, etc.)? *(Article 2, Section 1)*

14. What role does the President play in the military? *(Article 2, Section 2)*

15. Name four other powers granted to the President. Do any of these powers require agreement from other branches? *(Article 2, Section 2)*

16. What does the President need to provide to the legislative branch? *(Article 2, Section 3)*

17. In one sentence, summarize the idea in Section 4 of Article 2.

**What branch does Article 3 define:**

18. How is power vested (or distributed) in this branch? *(Article 3, Section 1)*

19. How can this branch check the other branches of government? *(Article 3, Section 2)*